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1. THE NEW ZEALAND "HERALD" IN ITS THIRD EDITORIAL
ON MAY 31 COMMENTED UNDER THE HEADING "AN INCONGRUOUS
PLATFORM":

2. "LONG BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT BEGAN, BOTH EAST AND WEST REGARDED IT WITH
MISGIVINGS. WHILE THE OBJECTIVES WERE ADMIRABLE,
AMONG THE RISKS WERE THAT IT WOULD AGGRAVATE DIFFERENCES
AND HARDEN ATTITUDES. DESPITE CHINA'S OWN NEW PROPOSALS
FOR DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS, ITS FIERCE CRITICISM OF
WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW ON MONDAY SUGGESTS THAT AT LEAST
SOME OF THE FEARS WERE WELL-FOUNDED.

3. "THE DANGER OF THE TWO COMMUNIST POWERS' BUILDING
UP THEIR DEFENCES AGAINST EACH OTHER IS THAT IT WILL NOT
ONLY HEIGHTEN THE RISK OF WAR BETWEEN THEM, BUT ALSO
ACCELERATE THE SOVIET - UNITED STATES ARMS RACE. IT IS
IRONIC THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT
SHOULD BECOME A MEANS OF ADDING FUEL TO THESE FLAMES."

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